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## 2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*The annual event of the European Federation of  
Academies of Sciences and Humanities*



### WHEN

16-18 May 2018

### WHERE

**Bulgarian Academy of Sciences**

*ul 15 noemvri 1  
1040 Sofia, Bulgaria*

### REGISTRATION

Participation is free of charge, but registration is mandatory for all participants. Click [here](#) to access the online registration form.

### ORGANISERS

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### ALLEA General Assembly

The General Assembly is the annual meeting of ALLEA Member Academies. It convenes Academies of Sciences and Humanities from 40 countries across the Council of Europe region. The event programme consists of various parts: scientific symposia, the award ceremony of the All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values, as well as the annual business meeting.

In a series of science policy symposia, [ALLEA](#) seeks to provide a platform for connecting excellence in Europe by bringing together high-ranking European policymakers, scientists, scholars as well as the interested public to debate on the most pressing issues faced by science and research.

#### From Trust in Science to European Science Advice

This year's programme includes the ALLEA scientific symposium *Science in Times of Challenged Trust and Expertise*, as well as the science policy event *Shaping European Science Advice: Insights and Experiences*, organised by [SAPEA](#).

During the event, the *All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values* is awarded to an eminent scholar whose work represents a significant contribution to the cultural and intellectual values of Europe and to the idea of European integration. The 2018 Prize will be handed over by European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society [Mariya Gabriel](#).

For further information on speakers and programme, please visit:

[www.alleageneralassembly.org](http://www.alleageneralassembly.org)

## PROGRAMME PARTS

### ALLEA Scientific Symposium: Science in Times of Challenged Trust and Expertise

16 May 2018 (11:30 – 18:00)

Is there a loss of trust (worthiness) in science and expertise? Are “fake news” and/or the digital transformation of social interactions and information really moving us towards a post-fact era? What can science do about it? Keynote speakers will address these and other questions at the symposium “Science in Times of Challenged Trust and Expertise”. As proponents of evidence-based reasoning, but also as institutions highly affected by this change, the symposium provides academics a platform to debate the challenges they face. This interdisciplinary and pan-European symposium aims at exploring notions of the alleged loss of trust in research and evidence, its underlying causes, questions on how valid knowledge can and should be acquired and communicated, and how different academic disciplines are dealing with it. [Read more](#)

### ALLEA Madame de Staël Prize Award Ceremony

16 May 2018 (18:30 – 20:00)

Participants in Sofia are invited to join the All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values award ceremony. The 2018 prize will be handed over by the European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, Mariya Gabriel. The ALLEA Prize is annually awarded to eminent scholars whose work represents a significant contribution to the cultural and intellectual values of Europe and to the idea of European integration, thereby promoting and strengthening an understanding of Europe as multifaceted, intellectual, open and vibrant. Following the award ceremony, a festive celebration will take place at the National Archaeological Museum. [Read more](#)

### SAPEA symposium: Science Advice for Policy by European Academies

17 May 2018 (8:30 – 13:00)

How has science advice been re-imagined at the European level? The experiences and insights of SAPEA and the European Commission’s Scientific Advice Mechanism will be discussed with practical examples and lessons learned from the most recent experiences. A wide range of different national perspectives on science advice systems will be examined. This will be followed by discussions of recent examples of scientific advice that have been produced by the European Commission’s High Level Group of Scientific Advisors, in collaboration with SAPEA. The event will offer the opportunity to engage with recent developments in scientific advice in general, as well as developments resulting from specific recent examples. In this way it will explore aspects of successful science advice, its uptake, implementation and the challenges faced. These sessions will also cover the lessons that can be learned when it comes to trust and distrust in science, the timeliness of advice, as well as acceptance and uptake of advice. [Read more](#)

### ALLEA General Assembly Business Meeting (ALLEA Member Academies' representatives only)

17 May 2018 (14:00-18:30)

The General Assembly is ALLEA’s highest legislative body, where all Member Academies decide on the federation’s policy, governance bodies and budget. In this closed business meeting, ALLEA Member Academies’ delegates will discuss ALLEA governance, strategy and policy matters, as well as the most relevant recent, on-going and upcoming activities. The meeting will include the hand-over of the ALLEA Presidency from Günter Stock to his successor Antonio Loprieno, incoming President of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences.

## CULTURAL PROGRAMME

### Day trip to Plovdiv, the 2019 European Capital of Culture

18 May 2018 (9:00 – 17:00)

The Bulgarian Academy of Sciences kindly invites participants of the events to attend a full-day guided sightseeing tour to the city Plovdiv, the 2019 European Capital of Culture. For the participation in this cultural activity, a contribution of approximately 35-45 € will be charged. [Read more](#)

## About ALLEA

ALLEA (All European Academies) is the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities. It was founded in 1994 and brings together almost 60 Academies of Sciences and Learned Societies from over 40 countries in the Council of Europe region. ALLEA is financed by annual dues from its member academies and remains fully independent from political, religious, commercial or ideological interests. Member Academies operate as learned societies, think tanks, or research performing organisations. They are self-governing communities of leaders of scholarly enquiry across all fields of the natural sciences, the social sciences and the humanities. ALLEA therefore provides access to an unparalleled human resource of intellectual excellence, experience and expertise. Furthermore, its integrative membership structure comprises Academies from both EU and non-EU member states in Europe. ALLEA seeks to contribute to improving the framework conditions under which science and scholarship can excel. Jointly with its Member Academies, ALLEA is in a position to address the full range of structural and policy issues facing Europe in science, research and innovation. In doing so, it is guided by a common understanding of Europe, bound together by historical, social and political factors as well as for scientific and economic reasons.

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